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FM AMEMBASSY TUNIS

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AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT

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AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH VISITS WITH BOURGUIBA

1. MAURITANIAN PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH OADE 22 HOUR STOPOVER IN TUNIS FOR TALKS WITH PRESIDENT BOUGUIBA EN ROUTE BACK TO NOUAKCHOTT FROM TURKEY. ON ARRIVAL JULY 5 OULD DADDAH TOLD PRESS TALKS WOULD CONCERN CONSOLIDATION OF EXCELLENT TUNISIAN-MAURITANIAN RELATIONS, PROBLEMS OF ARAB MAGHREB, ARAB WORLD AND ARAB-AFRICAN SOLIDARITY.

2. BOURGUIBA AND OULD DADDAH HAD 35 MINUTE CHAT BEFORE ATTENDING PERFORMANCE OF FRENCH PLAY AT PALACE. THERE NO PRESS INDICATION OF ANY OTHER TALKS WHICH TOOK PLACE.

3. ON DEPARTURE MORNING JULY 6 OULD DADDAH SAID HE NOTED COMPLETE IDENTITY OF VIEWS BETWEEN TWO CAPITALS ON ALL QUESTIONS WHICH CONCERN BILATERAL COOPERATION, " WHICH IS EXEMPLARY AND FRUITFUL", AS WELL AS ON THE FUTURE OF THE GREATER ARAB MAGHREB, ON THE PROBLEMS OF MIDDLE EAST AND ON "EURO-AFRICAN" COOPERATION. HE
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SAID HE WOULD RETURN TO TUNIS AT END OF JULY TO BE

PRESENT FOR CELEBRATION OF BOURGUIBA'S 71ST BIRTHDAY
ON AUGUST 3.

4. COMMENT: OULD DADDAH MAY HAVE WANTED TO LEARN
RESULTS OF BOURGUIBA'S VISIT TO MOROCCO AND CHECK ON
PLANS FOR MAGHREB SUMMIT, APPARENTLY PLANNED TO PRE-
CEDE RABAT ARAB SUMMIT EARLY SEPTEMBER. FACT HE
PLANNING RETURN VISIT SOON MAY BE INDICATIVE OF GOM
INTEREST IN COOPERATING WITH TUNISIA ON MAGHREB
CONFEDERATION, BOURGUIBA'S LONG-TERM DREAM.
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